May '94	28.50	24.00
June '94	28.50	24.00
July '94	28.50	24.00
August '94	28.50	24.00
Sept. '94	28.50	24.00
October '94	42.15	41.00
November '94	42.15	41.00
December '94	42.15	41.00
January '95	42.15	41.00
February '95	42.00	41.00
March, '95	42.15	41.00

Coal supply to U.P. Thermal Power Stations

1970. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that short supply of coal by Northern Coal Fields Limited, has adversely affected power generation at Anpara Thermal Power Project of the Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board; if so, what are the reasons therefore;

(b) how much loss of energy generation has taken place due to short supply of coal in the above case; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to ensure that such a lapse does not recur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) According to the information received from Coal India Ltd., the total coal despatches to Anpara Thermal Power Station during the period April, 1994 to February, 1995 were 5.438 million tonnes (provisional) as against the linkages of 5.440 million tonnes and against the pro-rata demand of 3.703 million tonnes assessed by CEA. Since coal supplies were almost at par with linkages, the question of coal shortage adversely affecting generation, does not arise.

(c) The Coal Companies are in a position to meet the entire demand of UPSEB with the overall constraints including availability of wagons and payments against coal supplies. The despatches of coal for the power sector are monitored on a daily basis. Further the situation is reviewed every week in a high level meeting presided over by Secretary (Coordination) in the Cabinet Secretariat. Movement of coal to power sector is given utmost priority by Railways. On the basis of periodical reviews corrective action is taken wherever necessary.

Oxygen Plants at the Central Hospitals of BCCL

1971. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while purchasing the three Oxygen Plants installed in the Central Hospitals at Dhanbad, Jealgora and Loyabad of Bharat Coking Coal Limited, due procedures have not been followed;

(b) whether these purchases had the approval of the Board of Functional Directors of the BCCL as required under the rules;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is a fact that this contract has been awarded in violation of all the norms to only one particular contractor by manipulating the amount by showing it in three parts in order to avoid the requirement of due sanction by the Board of Functional Directors of BCCL;

(e) if so, whether the persons responsible for this irregularity have been punished; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (f). As per